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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing

amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the present application, and

in particular the indication of the allowance of claims 1-6 and the allowability of claims 7-15.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in this application. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to correct

minor matters of form. The specification has also been amended for consistency. In view of

these amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the

objections asserted against the claims.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for

allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is

desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged

to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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